

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 6th June 2021

A CAST OF *Characters*

COMMON PEOPLE in the HANDS of AN UNCOMMON GOD



WORSHIP God **GROW** Together **SERVE** Others

Week 7 - JOB
(Choosing Faith In The Midst Of Suffering)
Job 1:1-12 & 2:6-10

Preparation <https://youtu.be/Zqsc7bUzl88>

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/rqP8wGCFnvs>
2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

Job 1:1-12 New International Version - UK

Prologue

¹ In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. ² He had seven sons and three daughters, ³ and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

⁴ His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. ⁵ When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, 'Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.' This was Job's regular custom.

⁶ One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. ⁷ The LORD said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?'

Satan answered the LORD, 'From roaming throughout the earth, going to and fro on it.'

⁸ Then the LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.'

⁹ 'Does Job fear God for nothing?' Satan replied. ¹⁰ 'Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.'

¹² The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.'

Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD

Job 2:6-10 New International Version – UK

⁶ The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.'

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. ⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

⁹ His wife said to him, 'Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!'

¹⁰ He replied, 'You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?'

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Questions for discussion

Reflect and share your experiences together using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. Is there anything from the readings or message this week that stood out to you?

2. In the talk Steve spoke about how following Job's six-chapter speech that God told him to be silent. God then put Job's life into perspective. As part of our reflection Steve said that the silence enabled Job to recognise the reverence of God. To be aware of a HALLOWED BY THY NAME.
 - i. How today can we Hallowed Gods name?
 - ii. How today do people do the opposite?

3. Read Job 38:3-18.
 - i. What is the point of Gods questions?
 - ii. What lessons does God want Job to learn?
 - iii. What do you learn about God from this passage?

4. Read Job 40:4-5 & 42:1-6
 - i. What did Job finally learn about God?
 - ii. How did it change his attitude towards his circumstances?

5. If you had been in Job's shoes, do you think you would have reacted as he did? Why or why not?

6. In times of trouble, do you ever demand answers from God?
If he were to respond to your questions, what do you think he would say?

Prayer

Take some time to share prayer needs, pray for one another, for the church and for our local community before finishing with the words of the grace.